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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Secretary of State Jim Condos announces  
VT's Early Voting for the General Election Begins Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Montpelier* – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos announces that early voting will officially open on **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Beginning this Friday, any registered voter will be able to request a ballot from their town clerk by phone, mail, or online and cast their vote for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. The elections team has already finalized, printed and sent the ballots to town clerks – some towns may even open their early voting before Friday.

“Vermont’s early voting system is one of the many ways our office ensures voting is accessible to eligible Vermont voters,” states Secretary Condos. “We recognize that many Vermonters have busy schedules and may not be able to take time away from work or their families to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Early voting ensures these people are not left out of the democratic process by giving them more opportunities to cast their vote.”

Vermonters who would like to request a ballot to vote early can contact their local town clerk or visit the Secretary of State’s website at: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/absentee-voting.aspx>.

Ballots are available at your City/Town Clerks beginning no later than Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> until the close of their town clerk’s office the day before the election. Ballots must be completed and returned to the appropriate town clerk by the close of polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

It is important to remember that only registered voters can request a ballot. For voters who are not yet registered, they can go online to complete their registration:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>.

Voters must register by Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to be eligible to vote in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election.

“Voting is a constitutional right and I am proud that our early voting system makes this right more accessible. Whether you vote early or at the polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>, I strongly encourage all Vermonters to get out and exercise their right vote.”

**Your Vote is Your Voice!**

